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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.98, the undersigned attorney for applicant submits to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08. The Examiner is requested to fully consider each of these documents in determining the patentability of the claims in this application.

Copies are not enclosed of any of the documents listed on Form PTO/SB/08 because all of the listed documents other than US patents were cited by or submitted to the Office in either or both of prior applications serial no. 10/293,544 and 09/488,612, under which the present application claims priority under 35 USC 120.

Applicant also requests the Examiner's consideration of copending patent application serial no. 10/869,563 filed 6/15/04 by Ernst Keller et al., which is a divisional of US Patent 6,772,827, which is

a continuation-in-part of the present application. A copy is enclosed of the claims currently pending, consisting of pages 28–33 of the specification. Copies of the remainder of the specification and drawings are not enclosed because they are identical to those of US Patent 6,772,827, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08.

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Claims for SN 10/869,563 (pages 28–33)

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